

# Baronial Council Meeting Minutes January 28, 2019

Meeting opened at 7:04 pm

## Words from their Excellencies:

Her Excellency: Mid-Winters happened and was Great! We still have awards to give out and would love to receive more recommendations. Please submit them as soon as possible so the Scribes have plenty of time to write and paint them.

His Excellency: I concur.

## Words from the Seneschal:

Everyone sign in?

Any new or returning members?

## Old Business

- **Polling for the Baronial Heirs:**

We have Candidates! **Yesult of Broceliande & Alan Boyer**, and **Ayla Roth & Eobhan Dunbar** have been accepted by their Majesties as suitable candidates to succeed Durin & Ceridwen as Baron & Baroness of Adiantum.

The next phase will be the "Meet the Candidates" sessions. They will be held at Sizzler located at 1010 Postal way, in Springfield from 7-9pm on Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, in our regular meeting room.

Only paid members are eligible to receive a polling form. Those who reside within the boundaries of the Barony will receive their forms in the mail which will be mailed out by March 1, 2019. Officers, Champions and Sergeants residing outside Lane County or those requiring an absentee form must contact the Seneschal with proof of membership and mailing address no later than February 28, 2019. Those who do not contact the Seneschal by this deadline will not receive a polling form. I am collecting this information now, so if you have not contacted me, please do so. Anyone who does not receive a polling form is welcome to send comments to the Crown directly. Polling forms must be returned by March 18, 2019.

The successful candidates will be invested as the new Baron and Baroness of Adiantum at Egils Skallagrimmson Memorial Tournament

- **Mid-winter's Feast:**

Attached is all the documentation for the event. I'll be turning in all the cash and checks to Martha on Monday. According to my math, we made approx. \$616 dollars on Midwinters which is pretty good.

This particular site did not require any insurance. Food came in under budget.

We had two Championships. Ainslee Goldheart is Adiantum's new A&S Champion. Antonius Rath is our new Rapier Campion. Many thanks to Kathren, Elizabeth, Antonia and Yseult for running those championships.

The feast had rave reviews and Louisa's team absolutely knocked it out of the park.

We had some lovely dinner entertainment which was entirely unplanned but, really ended up being wonderful.

I would totally use this site again. A couple things to be aware of:

1. The contact person for the Grange will not be Jo any more. She is the person who has done it for the last decade or better but, her health will not allow her to keep going. I don't know who the new contact will be but, hopefully we have a similar experience with them going forward.

2. There is no commercial dishwasher so, this should be taken into consideration when planning the meal. We had a 3 remove dinner and one remove was pre-made so, that cut down on the dishes dramatically.

3. There are only two rooms. One larger ballroom and one smaller dining room. If the next team to utilize this Grange wants to do classes, that will have to be taken into consideration. Given that the "theme" of the event was something more like a formal-ish dinner at Their Excellencies country estate, we chose to eschew multiple classes. Instead, we had one dance class.

4. The hallway between rooms is small and a long narrow table for gate would work better.

All in all, it's a nice site and it worked well. I can see us using it in the future.

- **Elmira High School Demo:**

I contacted Mary from Elmira High School again to essentially give her the green light of interest. I asked her to provide a few dates that would work best for her and to get back to me. It has been almost two weeks and I have had no response.

- **Birthday Bash:**

Getting caught up after being unable to conduct business for a few a while. With a conversation with Anton there will be some fun marshal activities to entertain new comers during the event. The focus for this event is on new comers and things are coming along nicely.

- **Egil Skallagrimsson Memorial Tournament XLV:**

Staff: We still need someone to wrangle kid's activities that are not the YAFA classes (they're covered by Ulf and Du vessa). We have lots of suggestions for kid activities, just no area head. If no one in the Barony is willing to take it on, I will ask in the Summits. We will have the next staff meeting in February. Date to be announced

Prizes: Progress continues.

Infrastructure: Yseult, Alan, and Murchadh have walked the site, and Yseult and Murchadh met with the State Parks staff regarding work priorities, work days (we want two), and submitted and paid for the Special Use Permit. Increased use of power tools is still an up-hill battle, but we are working on getting permission for a few high priority locations, and hope that over time we will convince them that we are a resource to be trusted to make the park better for everyone.

Publicity: Webminister and Social Media Officer have this well in hand.

- **Kingdom Heraldic Symposium Fall 2019:**

TP = 0 (zero) people working on Bear and Apple Tavern right now. Kingdom wants a date for this event. This will occur within the larger Bear & Apple Tavern, 18-20 October 2019. Going to need help running this event. Also, we are currently looking for an alternate site due to costs.

- **12<sup>th</sup> Night 2020:**

Yseult has finished two painted signs that will be used at Valley River Inn for 12<sup>th</sup> Night 2020.

Maestra Elsbeth Cameron, Merchant Coordinator, had the merchant packet for 12<sup>th</sup> Night 2020 available at 12<sup>th</sup> Night 2019. Four merchants have already signed up (Rennag Teine, Redwolf, T&T Creations, Nordic Trader), and Thorstein has put the merchant application packet on the Egils website.

Hotel reservations will go live in early February, once the hotel's new online booking system is ready. We have set aside 20 rooms for merchants and 20 rooms for in-coming and out-going retinue. We have all 9 suites reserved for Royalty and vigils. Yseult will be the contact person for the set-aside rooms.

Yseult and Marian attended 12<sup>th</sup> Night 2019 in Three Mountains and made a report in person. We brainstormed lots of ideas during the event and on the drive home. Some informal discussion with the Autocrat of the event led to some productive notes. Sign up forms for meetings were distributed over the weekend; many have already been returned to Marian, who will be doing the meeting room scheduling. While work on the event has long since begun, we anticipate an increase shortly after Egil's Tourney.

We need to have Paypal available for use at the event, so the Barony needs to add the requisite Paypal language to its Financial Policy and possibly the Customary. We will also need someone to run Paypal at the event (we are not doing any pre-registration). It is possible that our head of gate will be able to handle that as well as the rest of her duties.

Yseult will be out of town until approximately 10 February but available by Facebook and email.

Marian will be available be e-mail as always.

- **Social Media Policy:**

Working on this new officer policy. Kingdom has a policy in place, but not so much within the Summits. Working on pilfering from the Kingdom policy to get a good rough draft. If you have any feedback or ideas, please contact Nai.

### New Business

- **Reserved Calendar:**

The current Reserved Calendar includes “Prelude to War”, a joint Adiantum-Terra Pomaria event the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of August. I propose we release this weekend to Terra Pomaria. Adiantum’s Birthday Bash is not on the Reserve Calendar, and we struggle every year to find a date that doesn’t conflict with another event. This was a small, often unofficial event in the past. However, it came up in the bid discussion for this year that there was interest in making it a larger recruitment event. I propose we secure one of the open weekends, either the second weekend in March or the third weekend in April, on the Reserved Calendar for Birthday Bash.

Proposal to release the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of August to Terra Pomeria. Seconded. Voted on. Passed.

Proposal to keep Birthday Bash as an Unofficial event. Seconded. Voted on. Passed.

- **Officer Applications:**

We have several vacancies and others that are coming due for extension or replacement. Please be aware of your warrant status and don’t wait until you are 6-9 months out to announce the need for a replacement. If you are interested in Youth Combat or Family Activities, there is a background check requirement. Please announce your intent for either of these early so we can get that process started.

- (Open/Vacant Offices: *Archery Marshal, Chamberlain, Youth Combat Marshal, and Family Activities Coordinator*).
- New Exchequer voted into office: Margaret Alexander
- New Archery Marshal voted into office: Iurii Levchenich

## Officer Reports

- **Arts & Sciences – Alan Bowyer:**

There was no A&S Night on January 1, being a National Holiday. January 15 saw a group of 15 assemble at the usual hangout. Many were involved in the painting of last-minute charters. Some of us were casting pewter prizes for his Alpine Highness. There was also the sewing of court garb. So many things to do before an event! Alas! A&S is temporarily bereft, dispossessed and wanting of a meeting place until our most noble Dame Yseult returns. We have two options: find a new, temporary venue, or have a virtual A&S Night. By that, I mean we can have a night where we can study “How to write A&S Papers” on line.

I am open to suggestions.

- **Chamberlain – Thorholfr “Kirby” Egilson:**

We have stuff and it is good!

- **Chatelaine – Louisa of Lorne:**

No survey responses this month. I have been working with Þorsteinn to get an antir.org email address for the Chatelaine, so it will no longer be connected to Franchesca’s personal Gmail account. He finally came through the first of the year, right around the time my computer went comatose. Sadly, it seems, the info regarding the new email went down with the ship. Now that I FINALLY, as of Friday, have a new computer, I will be in contact with Þorsteinn and get that information from him again. I would like to make the transition as soon as possible; the biggest hitch being labeling over all of the existing business cards. Updating the newcomer flyers and other materials will be easy enough, as we have few or none currently printed. I will also make sure it gets updated to all the appropriate people and websites. I believe in the long run it will make us look far more professional and serious, as this is often newcomers first point of contact.

The University of Oregon Street Faire this spring is to be held Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 through Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019, well after Birthday Bash, a little too close for comfort to Egil’s. Do we continue? Do we push it back and go for Fall Fair instead? What does council say?

Fall Street Faire is currently scheduled for 16 – 18 October.

Unknown newcomers for Midwinter’s Feast... I was in the kitchen making dinner.

- **Social Media Officer – Nai Martyn:**

FB page activity

- 5 new page likes (a total of 132)
- 5 new followers
- 1 click to our website
- 86 page views this month

I will be proposing a social media policy. It will need to remain fluid for a time in that Principality hasn't even established its own version yet.

I will share the official announcement of Baronial candidates on the FB page following the meeting, followed by individual "spotlight "cameo's" to help encourage populace to vote and come ask questions at meet the candidates events.

- **Chronicler – William Jakes:**

Thank you for sending in your reports!

- **Exchequer – Antonia Crivelli:**

Our current bank balance is \$16,815.62. There is an outstanding deposit of \$220.00 corresponding to Egils merchant fees. The largest expenditure in January was \$1000 to Valley River Inn for 12th night, 2020. Balance at the beginning of the month was \$18,403.11, and at the end of November \$21,348.25.

I have made no deposits corresponding to Midwinters Feast, and have not been asked to provide figures for a final report.

I regret to announce that I am resigning my position as exchequer as of the end of the month. I understand that at least an interim replacement has been found. The "drop dead" deputy is currently out of town on urgent family business which may occupy her for some time or be recurring. When I took this job in July, I expressed some concern that I would have difficulty with the computerized online accounting system used by Kingdom and Principality, and my misgivings were justified. I found myself unable to file an end of year report; the one I filed third quarter was incomplete and did not balance.

All of the check requests I received, and all the funds entrusted me for deposit during the six months I have been Exchequer are accounted for. I have endeavored to be a good steward of the Barony's money, and have been working with Marcello (Principality Exchequer) to try to give the Kingdom the information they need. Unfortunately learning a completely new system, without much training, exceeded the capacity of my aging brain.

- **Herald – Lucius von Bamberg:**

Nothing to report.

- **Gold Key – Alys Meghan Cattwyn:** 12th Night: I made \$77 in Adiantum sales at 12th Night this year, despite getting 1/3 less space than originally promised, and thus bringing a lot less Baronial merchandise. Merchandise sold included 2 knit pouches and 1 knit hat by Yseult (\$45 total), 6 past-event site tokens (the last of the pewter lions, 4 Egil's 44 Tafl-board towels, 1 Egil's 43 Morris-board handkerchief), and the rest used books and second-hand clothing & feast gear.

Bins: I purchased 2 large, sturdy black bins with yellow lids at CostCo on 12/31/2018. They were on sale, and I think the Gold Key Pavilion fabric will fit in one of them, so we can replace the huge, dilapidated bin which holds both fabric and hardware, and is thus too heavy for one person to lift. They were \$8.49 ea. - \$1.50 discount = \$6.99, x 2 = \$13.98 total. I think there's at least one other pavilion (or the pile of fabric walls for the smaller pavilions) which also needed better storage.

Midwinter's: I loaned clothing items to 3 people & feast gear to 2. All returned o.k. Didn't charge fees, as is usual for our smaller events. We also got several items returned which had been on long-term loan.

Gold Key received donations of various items from Yseult (tunic), Marian (bag o' stuff), Isobel (2 boxes & 1 bag of stuff, & a nice Tudor outfit on hangers), Reannag Teine (box of bottles & toys). I think there's at least one more I can't recall since my last report... Sorry to whoever I forgot, and thanks to all who donated!

- **Lists – Elizabeth Turner de Carlisle:**

Report has been sent (not received).

- **Marshal – Anton Ray:**

Practice has been going well if lightly attended after the holidays. No injuries. Sir Kenric and I represented Adiantum on the list fields at Ursalmas.

- **Cut & Thrust Marshal – Anton Ray:**

Practice has been happening and interest is growing again. No injuries

- **Rapier Marshal – Anton Ray:**

Rapier has been going along with a small attendance at practice. We have a new Champion and it's me! No injuries.

- **Archery Marshal – Iurii Levchenich:**

Arrows are being loosed and all are having fun.

- **Thrown Weapons Marshal – Kevin Sorok:**

Weapons are being thrown (at targets).

- **Scribe Antonia – Crivelli:**

This has been a busy month. Their Excellencies received a large number of award recommendations for Midwinter's Feast, thirteen of them somewhat time sensitive, and forwarded them to me two weeks before the event. Members of the barony stepped up at scribal night and A&S night, and thanks to the diligent efforts of Kirby and Luna Francesca, Rand, Alys, Dame Johanna,

Emma, and others, plus my own burning the midnight oil, we were able to comply with the request. I have Kingdom and Principality charters from Midwinters to work on in the coming weeks. Better a surplus of work than not enough.

I am open to scheduling a paint making class outside of our usual scribal night, if anyone is interested.

- **Seneschal – Murchadh Monaidh Chraoibhe:**

Quarterly report submitted. Coordinating closely with the Deputy Kingdom Seneschal (Polling) to ensure our process is on track and in accordance with applicable society law and policies.

- **Thingmakers & Regalia – Yesult of Broceliande:**

Not present, no report.

**Baronial Projects List (status/updates?):**

1. Rebuilt 10'x12' gate pavilion - need someone to make a ripstop nylon cover for it, maybe even figure out how to fly out one side wall for extra area for filling for parking passes, misc. info, etc.
2. The new 16x16' Panther needs its pole sleeves replaced - ?
3. Cut the center poles of the officer pavilions in half, make new sleeves, repaint - ?
4. Backdrop for thrown weapons - ?
5. Make roll-up canvas storage for pavilion stakes. Maybe get square buckets for rope/stake storage - ?
6. Kneeler for court – wooden frame for those who need assistance getting up and down - ?
7. Table top Gate Box/Lectern – Combination gate box and elevated writing surface for ease of signing in to events - ?

- **Webminister – Skjaldar—Þorsteinn Thunderhand:**

The website is fully functional, all requested updates have been added. We need to do the paper work to have Nai as my official deputy, all 365 emails are set up and I have sent the login info to everyone. I also have a set up guide for people that need assistance and am available to offer online support as well for those who need it.

**Additional Business:** none

**Meeting closed at 8:54 pm**